A Truthful Romance of Musconetcong Mountain.

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FEW years ago Mrs. James Bellis, an neighborhood of Bethlehem, in the up- | self.' per end of Warren County, related to the writer the following particulars regarding an eccentric character well

his death, in the Winter of 1855. Betblehem is a pretty little crossroads connvalley south of and in sight of the one churchlife, as she called it, Mrs. Bellis said:

about the same time that I began to notice a | exclaim: vague and hazy distinction between good and evil. He was then held up before me as a ter- | body there would be a dozen poking about.' rer on the not infrequent occasions when I misbehaved. Finding that be utterly failed to put in an appearance on the frequent occa- I was a baby, and had been nearly strangled sions when mother or my maiden aunt, Isabel, would go to the door and call out in an awful ask me how I felt. I told him I felt pretty

"" Here, John Mackey; come and take this "I gradually lost faith in John Mackey as a

Little gal, if you don't stop paddling down

some of these days, sure.'

which I was told be had bought from Hog | and laid on my mother's bed. Mackey, or in the Fall when the farmhands, Hog Mackey kill his pigs.

"The Musconetcong Mountain is the best lover of every nut that grows in the forests. me after I had attained an age and size that

up the rugged sides of Musconetcong. "It was when I was about 10 years old that an event occurred which came near cutting this story short, and at the same time made me | I'll go home' sequainted with John Mackey. My father were out on the foot of the mountain cutting | he said : and framing timber for a new barn. I begged so hard that after dinner I was allowed to go | thought I might eat her out of season." out with them to rick nuts, under heavy verbearing of the axes of the workers.

basketful, which I carried and set down by away. father's coat on a stump. Then I remembered a tree that bore particularly big hickory-nuts, ever; but I had lost a great deal of my interest

"Then I wandered on again until it began | vania hogs. to grow dark, for the sun had gone down. I

went to sleep immediately. Once during the allow no woman to enter his house,

crawl about and look for nuts, but there were | quite feeble, and sat in a chair by the fire. The | the Illinois coal miners who are locked out. mone there. Directly I was able to use my | moment he saw me he exclaimed: feet, though they were awfully sore: Then I The trees were all gum and beech, and everything but nut-bearers. Then I cried for the little girl you wouldn't eat out of season,' my apronful of nuts. I now forgot all about | mountain for two days and nights lately!'

"I tottered on again the best I could, and in on one very stormy night in the Winter of the liabilities. McKean and Appleton, boot and time I knew nothing.

through the air at a great speed. My eyes life of which we knew nothing. Toward were open, and I could see the rocks and trees morning his delirium passed off and he recogflying past me, and I knew that a man of ter- nized me, rible hight and awful long legs was running away with me.

"' Yes, Hog Muckey has got you at last." "When I awoke again I was coughing and of an unhappy life!"

looked at the old man again.

"'What are you crying for?' "He put away the bettle and spoon, and wiped his eyes with the back of his hands, and "'I'm not crying; it's only sweat.'

"'Old man, you shouldn't lie,' I remarked, for I felt concerned about him. He only gave a kind of deprecatory grunt and stared at me. "' Are you Hog Mackey?' I asked. " Yes, I'm Hog Mackey.'

"'Are you going to eat me?' "'No,' he said calmly; 'little girls are out of season now; and, besides, I think you have aged and much-esteemed resident of the | more need to cat somebody or something your-

"'I am right hungry,' I candidly admitted.
"With that he hurriedly brought me a gourdful of milk, which he thrust into my hands, garding an eccentric character well and was rushing after something else, when I and was rushing after something else, when I dropped it on the floor, being too weak to manage it. He quickly filled the gourd again and held try village of about a dozen houses, with the | it for me while I drank. Then he softened bread usual store, blacksmith-shop and tavern, nest- in the milk and gave me. As soon as my hunling under the eastern slope of the Musconet- ger was a little satisfied, he ran out of the cong Mountain. It is very old, very quiet, house and halloed with all his might. Then and has never been distinguished for anything | he came in, cut a slice of ham and put it on a except a strict attention to its own business, gridiron to broil in the open fireplace, where In the pleasant and luxuriant agricultural | there was no fire. Then he ran out and halloed again. Then he come in and threw the gridsteeple of this peacefully-obscure village Mary | iron across the room and grabbed down his gun Armitage was born in 1835, and lived until from off some hooks, and went out and shot it her marriage with James Bellis, in 1857. In off. After this he built a fire and cooked his telling her little story, the only romance of her ham and made some coffee, and fed me with them, stopping every minute to go out an halloa "I think I began to hear about John Mackey | and fire off his gun. Once in a while he would

> "'Confound them! If I didn't want any-"After I had been fed a half dozen times, and had my face and hands washed as though again with raw whisky, it occurred to him to good, only I couldn't move.

"'Could you bear to be carried?' he asked. "I said I thought I could. Then he filled a bottle with milk, which he put in one coatbogey. As I grew a little older and able to | pocket, and in the other he put a lot of bread carry my misdoings farther afield, my father | and ham. Then he brought a sheet, which he used to supplement my mother's mild reproof | folded like a shawl, and placing me on it tied me up as though I had been a bundle. Then he put his head through the loop of the sheet, yonder in the creek, and stop straggling around | raised me in his arms, locked the door of his on the mountain, Hog Mackey will get you house, and started to carry me the five miles | Tracy and Commodore Sicard inspected the to my home. It must have been terrible hard "As this calamity never eventuated, I came | work, for I was a stout, heavy girl for my age, to the conclusion that Hog Mackey had lost and he was an old man who did not look his taste for little girls, and I persisted in my strong. By sitting down to rest frequently be small mischiefs with great peace and content- | bore me along, however, until we came down ment. Finally, having outgrown my regard | the mountain road to where our house could for childish scarecrows at an early age, the be seen in the valley. Here he sat down and time came when I heard only of John Mackey, | called again with all his voice, but there was when father came home in the Spring with a | no one at our house to hear him, and he toiled dozen beautifu! little white pigs in the wagon, on with his burden notil be had me at home

"He then, after resting a few minutes, took with the big wagen, and father on horseback, the long tin dinner-horn and blew a blast started into the mountain early in the morn- which must have awoke all the mountain ing and did not return until the next day, echoes. He also took father's gun out and fired when the wagon would be full of dead and it off, to call home not only my own folks | He says that the proposed reduction in the dressed hogs that were sent on to Easton mar- but the people of all the neighborhood for Government telegraph rate to one mill a word ket, and I learned they had been up helping | miles around, who had been out on the mount- | would not help the Signal Service particularly

"They all came rushing home, and a terrible place in Warren County for chestnuts and fuss they made. Mother and aunt promptly hickory-nuts. From the time I first began to | washed me all over in hot water, gave me a dose have teeth until the time I ceased to have any, of some kind of horrible weed tea, orying and and, in fact, ever since, I have been an ardent | scolding all the time, till they had me in bed. and tucked up in a blanket so tight that I "As long as there was a put to be found in | could do nothing but sweat; and then they the woods, that was the best place to look for seemed to forget all about me, they were so busy over Hog Mackey and something he admitted of my going out of sight of the house. seemed to have done. Everybody was trying The foot of the mountain was not more than | to feed him and pet him and give him drinks half a mile away, and before I was eight years all at once, and he seemed not to mind much old I was familiar with every tree, bush and until Aunt Isabel put her arms around his rock along the eastern foothills and for a mile | neck and wanted to give him a drink of my weed tea. Then he got up and looked a little scared, as he said, quietly but firmly:

"Good folks, you all being willing, I guess "Father insisted upon taking him in the and some men in the hight of the nutting-time | carriage, and at last be consented. Before going

"'I'd like to look at the little girl who "Then be came into mother's room, and after bal bonds that I was on no account to go out of looking all around to see that no one was looking, he suddenly bent over me and kissed me. "The nuts were plentiful and I gathered a Then saying "Don't tell, little girl," he went

"Of course I was soon about and as well as and concluded that I wanted some. On reach. in Musconetcong Mountain, except so far as ing the tree I found that none had fallen. John Mackey was concerned. The first useful Then I resolved to search further, feeling sure | work I ever did was to knit him some warm there must be more trees of the same family. | woolen stockings and mittens and take them to I had wandered around for some time with | bim. It was not long before I learned all of his more or less success, and had my apron full of history that was to be learned. He had, it was unmuts of all sizes, when my obligation not to go | derstood, been an officer in the Federal army durout of hearing of the axes occurred to me. I | ing the war of 1812, and at its close returned to stopped and listened, but not a sound was to be his home in Brooklyn. In 1815 he disappeared heard, save the occasional fall of a fat nut, or from his home, which was with a brother, who the querulous bark of a squirrel. Then I no- | died in 1820. In 1817 or 1818 he appeared in ticed that I was in a part of the mountain en- Bethlehem on horseback, carrying only a value containing a few clothes. Away up on the "This gave me little trouble. I knew that | side of the Musconetcong Mountain, just after if I turned my back to the sun and walked on the Revolution, a man named Croffut had I must come to the valley. I looked for the built a house upon a section of Government sun and found that it was not only pretty low | land which he patented with a soldier's right, down, but it did not seem to be in the right He cleared about 30 acres, but found it so stony place. I turned my back to it and marched off, as to be worthless for farm land, and being diswhistling contentedly. I found I was going appointed in not finding the iron he expected up hill, but concluded I had crossed some of the | to, he abandoned the place because he could little hills without noticing them, and kept on, not sell it. Mackey found this place, and, and on, and on, until I grew tired, and still I | bunting up the heirs of Croffut, bought it for a was going up, up; but the sun was at my song. In this way he became the owner of back, and I knew I could not be wrong. My a tolerably fair house and 360 acres of about the is like a blast-furnace and filled with crisp Switzerland treat consumptives with "mountnots grew so heavy that I made a little pen of most undesirable land in Warren County. After embers. - The Treasurer of a church in Bedstones at the foot of a big tree and poured them furnishing his house and procuring a cow, his ford Co., Va., is in trouble because of the loss

"He now settled down, after letting it be limbs ached so that I could hardly drag them His life of seclusion soon gave him the appearalong, and I was getting very hungry. It was ance and reputation of a hermit. His only

might I swoke, and feeling very cold I got up | "Every Christmas until I was 15 years of and walked around awhile in the dark. 'I'm | age, I sent him a remembrance of socks and lost, because it is so dark,' I said to myse'f; mittens, to which mother added table delicacies. *but I will find the place when daylight I was then away for three years at school, and comes.' Then I said my prayers and laid down one of the first things I heard was that John hang him a second time with a new rope. again. I seemed to have no fear, but I was Mackey-I would allow no one to call him Hog William Shubock, of Kingston, N. Y., was very angry at myself because I could not find | Mackey in my presence-had been sick and had fatally wounded while hunting by the acciasked for me. He did not say he wanted to see | dental discharge of a companion's gun. "When I opened my eyes again the sun was me. He only asked the doctor where I was. James Dunwoody was instantly killed at New shining on the other side of me from where it The very next morning I saddled a horse and Prospect, N. Y., by the accidental discharge of enght to be, and I was just one great pain all | rode to his house. Without knocking I pushed | a friend's revolver, which he was examining. over me, and oh! so hungry! I at once began to open the door and walked in. He was still --- A terrible state of affairs prevails among

searched further, but not a nut could I find. sense than to rush into a man's house that way.' first time, not so much because I was hungry as " God bless me! he exclaimed; 'you don't because I had been dunce enough to part with look as though you had been out lost on the

being lost in my search for nuts, and looked a "I told him I had not, and did not particulong time for the place where I had left my larly want to be again. Then I went to work apronful the night before. I had now lost all fixing up his room and preparing him somein the sun. It was niways on the wrong side. first, then he ordered me out of the house, and At last I came to a little hollow and a tiny swore at me; to all of which I paid no attention spring. Here I got a drink, and felt much | whatever, but worked and talked away cheerbetter. My limbs were not so sore now, and fully until he subsided into a kind of despairmy feet did not burt me so much. Then I | ing apathy that I could have laughed at in | Upper Strausburg, Pa., an agent of the People's | and escape his paroxysms altogether. found some acorns and sat down to eat them, and while doing so went to sleep. When I wooke it was night again, and my feet and median forms and sat down to eat them, any other person. After that I went to John Exchange, of Reading, committed suicide by drowning himself in Silver Lake, at Dover, used to me, but not another woman would he limbs burt worse than before. I wondered how let in. My visits were altogether directed to transactions, but had maintained his innocence. a day could be so short, but said to myself, 'I making his house cleaner and more comforta-

denly I was in a big garden just like our own, mountain and stopped at Mackey's to get warm, about \$65,000 or \$70,000. with the house at the upper end. I started to came and told me that John wanted to see my run up the porch steps and fell. Down, down, father and myself that night, as he was very down I went a fearful distance, and hit my sick. It was past midnight when we reached head against something. For a moment I re- the lonely house. He was very sick indeed. alized that I was still in the wood; then for a He had taken pleurisy, and the doctor had told him there was no hope. He did not know me to the straps of the overfilled car when a gentle-"The next sensation I had was that of flying at first, but talked wildly about phases of his man arose to his feet in order to give his sent

"'I knew you would come. Poor little girl; I can't eat you, however. Little girls are not stand. Hog Mackey has got me at last,' I said to in season. But up there—and he raised a wan myself; but I must have said it aloud, for at | and trembling hand heavenward-where I am | older than I. ence a loud roaring, panting voice answered; going, little girls like you will always be in season; for you have brightened the last hour | you?

in one hand and a spoon in the other, and big tively rich woman, for John Mackey had left [Written for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.] tears were running down his face. After I had me all he possessed, the existence of much of coughed and strangled a little more, and got | which was unknown until his will was found hold of my apron and wiped my tears away, I | in an old chest along with every stocking and mitten I had ever knitted for him. From that hour to this I can never see or hear of a sadsouled being treading life's pathway silent and alone without a tear of regret for poor John Mackey, who couldn't eat little girls out of

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A. C. Jones, United States Consul to Chinkiang, China, in an account to the State Department of a recent visit he made to Nanking. the ancient Capital of the Empire, says he found 29,000 candidates under literary examination for 146 vacancies in the civil and military service of the Empire. - The report of the conference of local appraisers held in New York last month recommending a reclassificaat the Treasury Department .- Treasurer Chinese who collisted as servants on the United will not be allowed to land in the United Survey, was appointed to visit France for the purpose of studying the irrigating system of report of the Commission which investigated the needs of the New York Postoffice, Postmaster-General Wanamaker directed that an additional allowance of \$78,000 be granted Postmaster Van Cott. - There was an increase in the public debt of \$1,017,311 in July, caused by unusual heavy disbursements. --- An official of the Treasury Department said that the Government was determined to enforce the law for the protection of the Seal Fisheries, no matter how vigorously the Canadian pirates might protest, but he did not think any serious complication would arise thereby .- The Ohio Republican State Executive Committee met in Columbus, O., and discussed campaign preliminaries,--The Rhode Island license bill was passed by the Legislature, and the special session adjourned .- Secretary of the Navy work upon Government contracts for ordnance and armor-plate now in process of manufacture at the Bethlehem Iron Works .- The President spent the last day of his vacation shaking hands with the veterans at Mountain Lake Park and arrived in Washington Thursday last .---Editor Richard Smith wrote an editorial over his initials in the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette nominating Murat Halstead to succeed Senator Payne in the United States Senate. - The Sixth Auditor of the Treasury has asked the Secretary for a detail of 25 additional clerks to assist in the preparation of his annual report. -General Greely, Chief of the Signal Service, returned to the city Friday from Maine.

and might impair its efficiency. - The Navy Department, having received information that three men left on Arenas Keys, Campeachy Bank, Yucatan, by the American schooner Anna on June 29, are in imminent danger of starvation, has cabled Admiral Gherardi to send a vessel to their rescue. - The British sealer Black Diamond was overhauled by an American revenue cutter under threat of firing and seized in Behring's Sea. The papers of the vessel had to be taken by force. The Captain said he received orders at Victoria, B. C., to resist arrest, and only surrendered to an overwhelming force. - A dispatch to the State Department from the United States Consul at Amoy says that much of the Amoy Oolong tea

exported to America is decayed vegetable matter, with a reputation so vile that all markets save that of the United States are closed to it. - At the request of Postmaster - General Wanamaker, the Acting Secretary of the Treasury has directed that payment of all bills against the Treaury Department for telegraphing during the current fiscal year be suspended for the present, and until otherwise ordered .- Senator Hiscock and a committee called upon President Harrison at Deer Park to invite him to attend the International Exposition to be held at Buffalo in September. The President promised to accept the invitation if enabled to do so by public business.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. The large upper dam at Feltville, N. J., is reported to be leaking, and it is feared that if clarified butter. The poor monkeys of our it breaks Scotch Plains and Tanwood will be northern menageries are passionately fond of swept away and Plainfield inundated .- The damage caused by the flood in and around Plainfield, N. J., is now estimated at about to heroic doses of gravy, and the Laplanders, \$300,000, -Portions of Richmond, Va., were who subsist almost on fat meat alone, know submerged by the rapid rise of the James River, and all through Virginia crops have suffered and railroads and bridges have been washed away. The continued rainfall caused further loss and inconvenience at many points in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. Travel was delayed, and in many places crops are a total loss. - A riot occurred amongst 500 Italians at Beaver, Pa., who had struck for higher wages. One man was killed and several fatally injured .- The work of distributing the remainder of the relief fund for the Johnstown flood sufferers is to be pushed on as rapidly as possible. Terrible forest fires have prevailed in Montana for a week, and the sun has been obscured by the smoke. The air in, intending to come after them the next day. last purchase was a half dozen choice Pennsyl- of a \$700 collection. He claims that the bills became wet and were blown away and lost could not understand why I could not get over known that he had no particular desire to be Miss Lillian Dumont, of Brooklyn, hanged that hill and begin going down into the valley. unsociable, but he wanted no woman ever to herself in a hotel at Glen Haven, N. Y., I listened, but there was not a sound. My come into his house or set foot on his place. where she was stopping. Her disposition was unusually bright, and no cause can be assigned now so dark that I could not see any distance | business and ostensible means of living was in | Mrs. Henrietta Snell, widow of the late Amos in front me. Then it occurred to me to call out, his pigs. It soon became widely known J. Snell, will pay \$50,000 reward for the arrest and I screamed "Father!" at the top of my | Mackey, on Musconetcong Mountain, sold the | and detention, until identified by the authorismall voice, just once. I did not do it any best breed of pigs in the country; hence he ties of the city of Chicago, of William B. Tasmore, for my voice sounded so that it scared got the name of Hog Mackey. His life was cott, the supposed murderer of her husband. me, it made such a noise in the awful silence. perfectly barmless. His only eccentricities | The above reward will hold good for 12 months "Utterly wearied out I dropped down at the | were that he visited nowhere, spoke to no one | from this date. All communications to be sent foot of a tree upon some leaves, and must have unless it was absolutely necessary, and would to Dewit C. Cregier, Mayor of the city of Chicago, or A. J. Stone, 544 West Madison street. -Charles Dilger and Henry Smart were hauged at Louisville on Friday for murder. Dilger slipped through the noose and it was necessary to pull him up on the scaffold and

Six thousand persons are on the verge of starva- breath of air, remained the nightmare of his "'Go away, woman! Have you no more tion, and the relief from Chicago and other cities remains inadequate. - Stella Howard, "'I'm no woman,' I replied; 'I'm only the a deaf, dumb, blind and insane woman, walked from Scranton, Pa., to Detroit in search of an tial difference. The remedy never failed. aunt. -T. T. Tolliver, a colored man travel- Once out of the atmosphere of his native place, ing with Forepaugh's circus, shot two Sioux | the obstructions of his respiratory apparatus Indians employed by the same show, who beat him with clubs while drunk at Streator, Ill. over the falls on the Menomiee River, near Norway, Mich., and drowned, --- San Francisco was visited by one of the heaviest shocks of earthquake felt in that city for years, but no damage is reported. - L. A. Sleighter, of trot the fiend at the border of the next County -E. & A. R. Batcheller, boot and shoe manumust really go home. Mamma will worry ble, and there was very little talk between us. facturers, of Boston and Brookfield, Mass., failed "He recovered, and all went on well until, for \$1,250,000. The assets are expected to meet

Respect for Age Not Appreciated,

[Buffalo Courier.] An amusing incident happened in a Niagara street car yesterday. Two ladies were hanging

First Lady-You take the seat.

en a bed, an old man sitting, holding a bottle my father told me that I was a compara- the near occupants smiled.

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CHAPTER XXVIII. HOME REMEDIES-(continued).

The children of consumptive parents should have a daily opportunity for outdoor exercise and sleep in the airiest room of the house. Their allowance of sleep should be measured by inclination, and, if necessary, should be supplemented by a two hours' siesta. Their tion of certain merchandize was made public diet ought to be nutritious and non-stimulating-sweet milk instead of coffee; butter and Huston gave a receipt to Ex-Treasurer Hyatt | eggs instead of meat; but plenty of saccharine for \$771,500,000, representing the amount of food-honey, ripe fruit and farinaceous dishes, money and securities in the United States admitting a liberal admixture of sugar. I Treasury .- Acting Secretary Batcheller in- would limit their studies for the first few formed the Secretary of the Navy that the school years to three hours a day-two in the morning and one in the evening; avoid the States steamer Alert, now on her way from causes of mental worry; let them bask in Honolulu to San Francisco, are laborers within | moral and physical sunshine, and confidently the meaning of the Chinese Exclusion act, and | trust the rest to nature. In young children even the spitting of blood (unless accompanied States .- C. A. Kenaston, of the Geological by extreme emaciation) is by no means a hopeless symptom, and with slight modifications of treatment, according to climate and latitude, I that country with a view to the improvement | would warrant a cure in one Summer, or any of the American system. - As a result of the half year including three months of weather favorable to outdoor exercise. HYGIENIC PRECAUTIONS.

Any cause of impaired vitality aggrevates pulmonary disorders. Children with weak lungs should be carefully guarded against all stimulant-vices—a penchant for any kind of alcoholic liquors or tobucco or aven strong alcoholic liquors or tobacco, or even strong coffee. The strength sorely needed for the coffee. The strength sorely needed for the elimination of a deadly disease should not be wasted in defensive wars against superfluous evils. And no consideration of less than vital evils. And no consideration of less than vital importance can excuse the subjection of sickly children even to an intermittent process of high-pressure studies, night-work, after-dinner lessons, and spasmodic efforts of memory, stimulated by fear or ambition. Let them take their time. What use to shorten the school term by a year or two, if the method should prove to shorten life by 30 years? Better to have a boy with sound lungs con his primer than to see him graduate with the mark of the highest honors on his diploma and the seal of death on his hectic cheeks. How many curable consumptives, too, are sacrificed to the prejudice in favor of indoor occupations! - Ten to one that the young man with a sore cough is sentenced to pass his days in a counting-house or a tailor-shop to keep him out of the cold; i. e., out of the fresh air that would have cured him. "If I should undertake the cure of a consumptive," says Dr. Langenbeck, "I should begin by driving him out to the Deister" [a wooded mountain range near the city of Hanover], "and keep him from entering a human dwelling till cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a wind and weather had knocked his lungs into beavy dectors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such broper working order,"—a rather extreme way articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built of stating the problem; but in a country like ours, with such abundant opportunities for outdoor work, no consumptive boy should be left to perish for want of fresh air. War would | with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."-Civil have atoued for much of its havor if we would but heed the significance of the statistics which | half-pound tins by Grocers, labeled thus: prove that pulmonary complaints are more frequent in well-warmed barracks than in the

tented camp and the bivouac.

"Stuff a cold and starve a fever," is an old

adage that may have done much mischief in its time, but deserves to be indorsed with a slight modification-the advice to limit its application to the use of calorific (heat-producing) food. Greasy made-dishes in the dog days are certainly a teeming cause of many so-called climatic diseases; the pork-cating negro dies where the frugal Spaniard survives; and in our gulf-coast towns fasting, in the old sense of abstinence from fiesh-food, would certainly save tons of quinine. Yet it is equally true that fat counteracts tubercles. A fatty diet may saturate the blood with elements unfavorable to the development of Dr. Koch's animalcules, (just as certain skin diseases can be palliated with oily ointments), or calorific food may be a positive lung-tonic; at all events its liberal use seems to insure a remarkable immunity from pulmonary complaints. The Buddhist monks of Thibet told Father Huc that their brethren had for centuries cured consumption with a marvellous compound sold at not less wonderful prices, but the principal element of which, they confessed, was nothing but cream and sweet milk; negroes instinctively follow their example by treating themselves consumption only from hearsay. The oldschool medicine-men did not wholly fail to recognize the significance of those facts, but sticking to their prejudice in favor of repulsive remedies, they prescribed their oleaginous lung-balm in the form of cod-fiver oil, just as they preferred glauber salt to a dish of baked beans and the nauseous febrifuge of quinine to the pleasant equivalent of cold air. For the crew of an ice-bound whaler, cod-liver oil might be a valuable remedy; but in a land of milk, butter and olive oil it should be remorselessly flung in the soap-grease barrel (since dogs would decline to touch it), as long as less disgusting kinds of fat will do the same work more effectually. The famous milk-cure establishments of ain milk and mountain air;" i. e., a calorific diet, combined with a (perhaps equally effective)

change of climate. For asthma, too, a change of climate is the best possible cure. As a consequence of mistreated measles, suppressed catarrh, etc., the disorder generally manifests itself upon the slightest proximate provocation-a trifling indigestion, for instance, or a change of weather (from clear to damp), or even a mere fit of illhumor; for nowhere else the mysterious interaction of mind and body is more strikingly illustrated than in the effects of mental emotion in their re-action on the functions of the respiratory organs. I remember an asthma patient who could not listen to the importment reply of a domestic or read a disappointing business letter without suffering a relapse of his complaint. A piece of bad news once "cut his breath" within five minutes after the arrival of the ill-omened messenger. Experience had taught him a way to mitigate the distress of his paroxysms by forcing them to encounter his preparations in daytime; he would not "let them catch him napping," as he expressed it: but for weeks, sometimes for months, he was subject to after-effects that refused to be circumvented by any external or internal remedy.

A MOVEMENT CURE. Duspnæa, the difficulty of getting a full life till he discovered that the incubus could be shaken off by a three days' excursion-foot, horseback or railroad seemed to make no essenseemed to melt away like drift ice at the gate of the tropies, and a few hours of outdoor work generally completed the cure. But he noticed nipped in the bud. If he snatched up his valise (kept ready packed for that purpose) and made a rush for the livery stable at the first symptom of mischief, he could hope to out-

There is no doubt that a low latitude itself constitutes no safeguard against pulmonary disorders. Tuberculosis will claim its victims on a tropical seashore as quickly as on the prairies of the far Northwest. But for those who can appreciate the advantage a warm and E few minutes I began to see lights, and sud- 1855, a neighbor who had come across the shoe manufacturers, Salem, Mass., failled for for consumptives is, therefore, after all, a semitropical mountain country: the southern promontories of the Alleghanies, southern and central California, and the lofty, park-like plateaus of New Mexico.

> (To be continued.) Loaded Watermelons.

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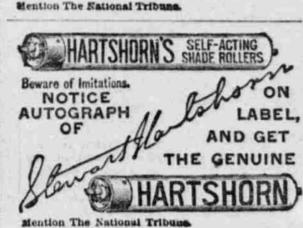
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